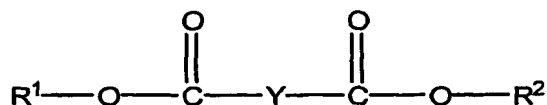


## Claims:

1. A treatment block formed from a solid block composition which includes: a surfactant constituent, a diester constituent, and one or more further optional constituents.

2. A treatment block formed from a solid block composition which includes: a surfactant constituent, a diester constituent, a bleach constituent, and optionally one or more further constituents.

3. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent a compound which may be represented by the following structure:



wherein:

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  can independently be  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl which may optionally substituted,  $Y$  is  $(CH_2)_x$ , wherein  $x$  is 0-10, but is preferably 4-8, and while  $Y$  may be a linear alkyl or phenyl moiety, desirably  $Y$  includes one or more oxygen atoms or is a branched moiety.

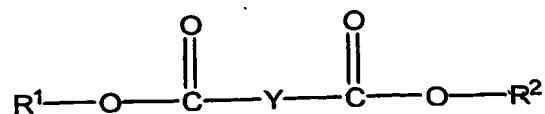
4. A treatment block according to claim 3 wherein:

$Y$  is  $-(CH_2)_x-$  wherein  $x$  has a value of from 1-4.

5. A treatment block according to claim 3 wherein:

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl groups.

6. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

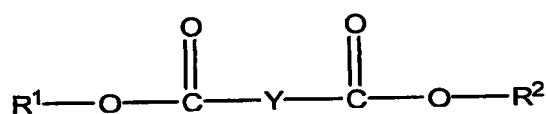


wherein:

- 5  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  can independently be  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
Y represents a  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}(\text{SO}_3\text{Na})-$  moiety.

7. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent  
a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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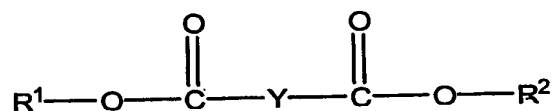


wherein:

- 15  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  can independently be  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
Y represents a  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}(\text{HNCOCH}_3)-$  moiety.

8. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent  
a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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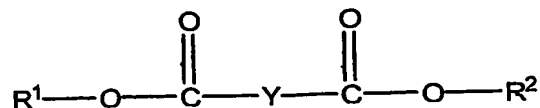


wherein:

- 25  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  can independently be  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
Y represents a  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}(\text{NH}_2)-$  moiety.

9. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent  
a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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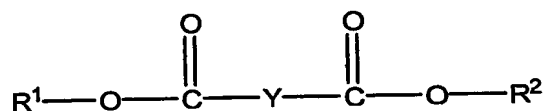


wherein:

- 5  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  can independently be  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_6$  alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
Y represents a  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)-$  moiety.

10. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent  
a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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wherein:

- 15  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  can independently be  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_6$  alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
Y represents a  $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{O})-$  moiety.